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TO: VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB INDUSTRY

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

RE: LANDING LIMIT REDUCTION FOR THE 2017 VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB POUND NET FISHERY EFFECTIVE 6 P.M. WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

It has been projected that 80% of the horseshoe crab commercial pound net quota has been taken. For that reason, it shall be unlawful for any valid commercial Horseshoe Crab Pound Net permittee to possess aboard any vessel or to land more than 250 horseshoe crabs per day. These regulatory requirements shall be effective 6:00 P.M. eastern daylight-savings time (EDT), Wednesday, September 6, 2017.

Therefore, after Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., Horseshoe Crab Pound Net Permittees will be limited to possess aboard any vessel or land more than 250 horseshoe crabs per day (Chapter 4 VAC 20-900-10 et seq.).

If you have questions or comments contact Adam Kenyon (757) 247-8068.

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